

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

UNSAFE HEARING BOARD

FEBRUARY 3, 2015

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Unsafe Hearing Board of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board members, Gary Cameron, Ron Jarman, and Dr. John Williams answered roll call. Member, Darrin McGowan, was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Jarman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **1226 South Baker** – Chief Jenkins presented the following time line:

1/6/15 – Unsafe Hearing Board voted to fine the owner \$100.00 per week until the property is cleaned up.

1/13/15 – Was informed that Mr. Mohler had removed the tags from the vehicles.

1/16/15 – Received green card back from certified mail.

1/28/15 – Contacted Assistant Police Chief Click to remove the vehicles. Click advised that two vehicles were removed. Click stated that the vehicles had paper plates and were insured. Click informed the owner that the vehicles were required to be operational and asked the owner to start the vehicles. The owner could not start the vehicles. Click informed the owner that he was going to remove the vehicles. Mohler stated that he would sue the City. The vehicles were removed.

2/3/15 – Pictures were taken of the property, Owner is still not in compliance with order.

Williams asked what is the Board's next step. Jenkins said we could increase the fine. Newhouse said the Board could continue with fines and that we could end up taking the owner to Court. He said we could end in a judgment and foreclosure on the real estate. Williams made a motion to increase the fine to \$100.00 per day beginning today. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **127 West 7th** – Chief Jenkins presented a letter from Richard Judd who inspected the property. Jenkins said he will send a copy of the letter to the owner tomorrow. Newhouse said a letter needs to be sent to the owner with the engineer's report stating that the building needs to come down. Williams made a motion to advertise for a hearing at the next meeting. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Adoption of Demolition Guidelines** – A copy of criteria on the blight elimination program has been given to Cameron. Cameron will review and put together some guidelines for this Board to review.

215 W 8th – Williams asked Jenkins the status of this property. Jenkins said it is on blight program.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Williams made a motion to adjourn. Jarman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.